

# **Pascoag Utility District Board of Commissioners**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes- December 10, 2012**

**The annual meeting of the Pascoag Utility District was held on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the District Office at 253 Pascoag Main Street., Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Mr. Trinque called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM**

### **1. Introduction and Welcome (Chair) - BUC Annual Report**

#### **General Manager's Report**

- Executed two new power supply agreements, which continue to bring our Standard Offer rate lower and lower (2013 = 3.7 cents/kWh, down from 5.7 cents in 2012).**
  - o Even with an increase in base rates, PUD's overall rates to customers will be lower than last year.**
- Successful recovery from Hurricane Sandy**
  - o Our customers were 100% back on line by 10 p.m. on the night of the storm.**
  - o PUD also provided assistance to National Grid in Burrillville & Glocester.**
  - o Operations performed cost effective tree trimming in 2012, which helped us to weather this and other storms. Reliability is a priority.**
- Managed expenses very closely during a difficult economic climate.**
  - o Very close attention to capital spending and minimization of operating and administrative expenses.**

- Spent considerable time before statehouse lawmakers, successfully fighting for legislative actions which would benefit PUD's customers.
  - o Received exemption from burdensome "Stray Voltage" legislation.
  - o Worked with other water companies to stop unneeded "plumber-required" legislation regarding water meters.
- Provided \$24,000 from Conservation Funds for Brothers of the Sacred Heart efficiency lighting project.
- Extremely successful tank rehab RFP.
  - o Low bid was more than \$500k less than high bid.
  - o The vendor, Rockwood, is a premier contractor for this type of work.
  - o South Main Street tank is essentially complete and back on-line.
  - o Rock Avenue tank to be completed in spring 2013.
  - o PUD applied over \$80,000 in excess grant money (left over from water AMR project) to our tank project. This grant funding was received today.
  - o Have begun early stages of water supply exploration
  - o Worked closely with RI-Health/EPA to establish Capital Improvement Plan – Water division.
  - o This federally funded help came at no cost to the District.
  - o We have laid out a 20-year capital plan to upgrade the water distribution system.
- Implemented our social media plan (Facebook, Twitter)
  - o Has provided huge benefits during power outages and during our water bacteria issue.
  - o Great forum for customer Q&A.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Ms. Moroney reported that for the fiscal year 2011 Pascoag Electric posted a net income of \$97,874.00. For the fiscal year 2011 Pascoag Water posted a net income of \$1,737.00. The total net income for the District was \$99,611.00.**

**A motion was made to approve the General Manager's and Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved.**

## **2. Election of Officers**

- One (1) Moderator for one-year term**

**-Raymond Trinque was elected as Moderator.**

- One (1) Clerk for a one-year term**

**-John W. Griffin was elected as Clerk.**

- One (1) member of the Board of Utility Commissioners\***

**-John R. Connors-52 votes**

**-Richard A. Jenks- 68 votes**

**Mr. Jenks was elected to the three year term as Commissioner.**

**There were 120 ballots and one ballot was not filled out.**

**\*Due to the large turnout, Mr. Trinque gave the ratepayers the option to cast their vote before the General Manager and Treasurer's report and leave if they wished.**

**3. To consider and act upon the Board of Utility Commissioner's request to approve the Water Department budget for fiscal year 2013 including \$348,000 in Capital Improvements as follows: rehabilitation of Well #5, water exploration, an emergency generator for Well #5, a new data and control system, and other minor improvements. Funds for 2013 capital improvements will be from the Settlement account.**

**A motion was made to approve the Water Department's budget and seconded. The Budget was approved.**

**4. To consider and act upon the Treasurer's request to close the books no later than December 31, 2012.**

**A motion was made to approve the request and seconded. The request was approved.**

## **5. Adjournment**

**A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.**

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**Wallace Lees, Secretary**

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**Desarae Dolan, Recording Secretary**